

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 26 as follows:

Namely, it is important in this ceramic porous body to provide it with pores which are interconnected with each other through an interconnecting portion having a diameter of 100 μm or more and are distributed throughout the entire region of the porous body, i.e. from the core portion to outer surface portion of the porous body. By the phrase "interconnecting portion(s), it means a junction or junction portions formed between neighboring pores and having a smaller diameter than the diameter of the neighboring pores. Therefore, in order to allow living cells to invade into the interconnecting portions, it is important to make sure that the interconnecting portions have a sufficiently large diameter.